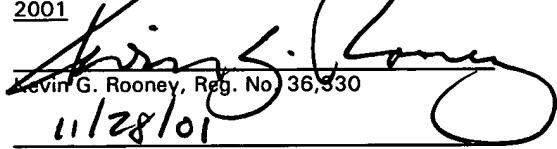


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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION

Sir:

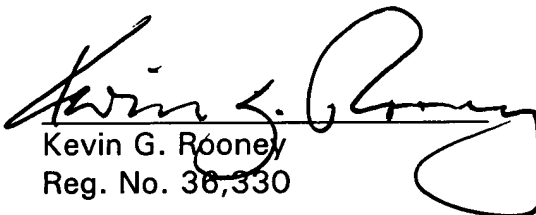
The Decision on Petition mailed on November 16, 2001 requests an answer to the question of why the names of two of the inventors (i.e., Warren P. Williamson IV and Stephen Whitlatch) did not match on the published international application and the executed Declaration. Please note that these discrepancies are typographical errors in the international application papers and the names should be spelled as set forth in the executed declaration filed July 27, 2001.

If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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